

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 8-11, and 13, 15-17 are pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 6, 7 and 14 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference of November 16, 2004, where the Advisory Action of November 3, 2004 was discussed. The Advisory Action stated that the amendment to claim 1 to include the features of claims 4 and 5 in their entirety would not be entered. The Advisory Action also stated that the amendment to claim 11 to include the features of claim 12 in their entirety would not be entered. Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to enter the above amendments for they are not new matters requiring a new search.

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Zommer. Applicant traverses the rejection. Applicants believe claims 1 and 11 as previously presented in the amendment of September 15, 2004 are allowable over the cited reference for the reasons set forth in that amendment. However, to expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants hereby further amend claims 1 and 11 to include the features of the dependent claims that were indicated in the Advisory Action as including allowable subject matters. That is, the features of claims 6 and 7 were added to claim 1, and the features of claim 14 were added to claim 11. Accordingly, claims 1 and 14 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The present amendments are not new matters since they merely incorporate features from the above dependent claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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